

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-21 are pending in this application. All of these claims stand rejected as being anticipated by US Published Application 2005/0065813 (Mishelevich) under 35 USC Section 102(e). Applicant respectfully disagrees for the reasons set forth below.

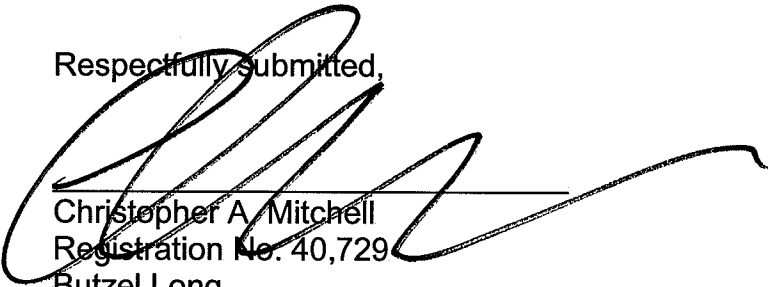
Applicant submits herewith the declaration of the inventor establishing his actual reduction to practice before the critical date (11 March 2003) of the invention of at least claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20. In light of the evidence of this declaration, Applicant respectfully submits that the Meshelevich publication must be removed as a reference.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections as to the claims have been traversed. Should the examiner maintain any of the rejections of this paper, Applicant reserves the right to argue the same and/or amend the affected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this case stands in condition for immediate allowance. Of course, the examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel at (734) 213 3435 if she should have any question respecting this paper, or if a telephone interview might otherwise expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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